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ORDER NO. 44
2015 CERTIFICATION PROCESS, APPROVAL OF AFFIDAVITS FOR STATE
CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE ETC STATUS TO RECEIVE FEDERAL
UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

Pursuant to § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act (FTA),¹ 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 26.418(k) the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) annually certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to carriers in Texas will be used only for "the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended."² The Commission must file its 2015 certifications with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) by October 1 each year in order for ETCs to receive federal high-cost support. Without certification, carriers will not receive federal high-cost support.

On August 6, 2015, Order No. 43 established a procedural schedule for the 2015 certification process. Notice was published in the *Texas Register* on August 21, 2015. Eighty-six carriers timely filed affidavits with the Commission, and one additional carrier late filed an affidavit. A total of eighty-seven carriers, shown on the attached list, filed affidavits.

On September 18, 2015, Commission Staff filed its recommendation and summary of the eighty-six affidavits that were timely filed. On September 25, 2015, Commission Staff filed a

¹ Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (1996) (codified in scattered sections of 15 and 47 U.S.C.).

² 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313(a), (c) and 54.314(a), (c).

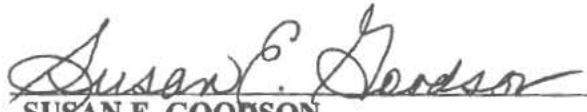
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supplemental recommendation and summary to include the one late-filed affidavit. Staff recommended approval of the attached list of eighty-seven carriers filing affidavits consistent with the FCC's requirements.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, and consistent with Commission Staff's recommendation, the Commission certifies these carriers, whose annual affidavits have been received and who meet the criteria under FTA § 254(e), as eligible to receive federal universal service support.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 28th day of September 2015.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



SUSAN E. GOODSON
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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ATTACHMENT A

TEXAS CARRIERS FILING AFFIDAVITS IN 2015

	CARRIER	STUDY AREA CODE	RURAL, NON- RURAL OR BOTH	CARRIER TYPE
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14	Century Telephone-NW Louisiana, Inc.	270431	R	ILEC
15	Century Telephone-Port Aransas, Inc. d/b/a/ CenturyLink	442117	R	ILEC
16	Century Telephone-San Marcos, Inc. d/b/a Century Link	442140	R	ILEC
17	CGKC&H #2 L.P. d/b/a West Central Wireless & d/b/a Right Wireless	449043	B	CMRS
18	Coleman County Telephone Coop.	442057	R	ILEC
19	Colorado Valley Telephone Coop., Inc.	442059	R	ILEC
20	Community Telephone Co.	442061	R	ILEC
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22	Consolidated Communications	442072	R	ILEC

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23	Consolidated Communications of Texas	442109	R	ILEC
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25	Cumby Telephone Coop., Inc.	442065	R	ILEC
26	Cumby Telephone Coop., Inc. CLEC	449004	B	CLEC
27	Dell Telephone Coop., Inc.	442066	R	ILEC
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33	ETS Telephone Company d/b/a EnTouch	442091	R	ILEC
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67	T-MobileWest Corporation	449066, 448051, 448052, 448053, 448054, 448055, 448056 & 448057	B	CMRS
68	Texas RSA 15B2 L.P. d/b/a Five Star Wireless and d/b/a Right Wireless	449046	B	CMRS
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75	Verizon Southwest (f/k/a GTE Southwest & Contel)	442154 & 442080	N	ILEC
76	VTX Telecom, L.P.	449050	N	CLEC
77	Web Fire Communications, LLC	449076	N	CLEC
78	Wes-Tex Telephone Coop., Inc.	442168	R	ILEC
79	West Plains Telecommunications, Inc.	442071	R	ILEC
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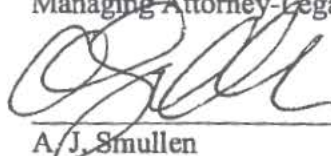
Based on the attached letter of Scott Smyth, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas finds the affidavits of the eighty-six companies listed in the attached chart to be compliant.

Date: September 18, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Uhlig Pemberton
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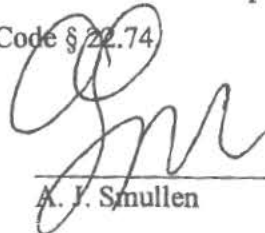
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I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on September 18, 2015 in accordance with 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.74.



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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 10-90, Annual State Certification of Federal High-Cost Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314

To the Filing Representatives:

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314¹, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) that the telecommunications carriers² listed below are eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

The PUCT certifies for the carriers listed below all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within Texas was used in the preceding calendar year (2014) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2016) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.³

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The rural and non-rural carriers certified by the Texas PUC pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 are identified in Attachment A.

If you have any questions regarding this compliance filing, please contact James Kelsaw at 512-936-7338 in our Competitive Markets Division.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Smyth
Division Director
Competitive Markets Division

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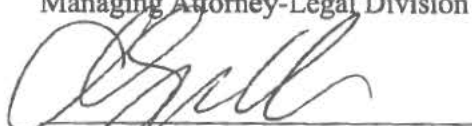
Based on the attached letter of Scott Smyth, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas recommends approval of the late filed affidavit by Grande Communications Networks, LLC. Transmittal of such approval is sent to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) by October 1, 2015 and certification of these companies as eligible to receive federal high-cost support.

Date: September 25, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL ETC FILING FOR LATE-FILED AFFIDAVIT

To the Filing Representatives:

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314¹, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) that the telecommunications carrier² listed below are eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

On September 25, 2015, Grande Communications Networks LLC ("Grande" or the "Company") filed a late-filled affidavit for Texas study area code (SAC) 449015, certifying that

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the Company would use the funds received in 2014 and the funds that it will receive in 2016 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

The PUCT certifies for the Grande SAC listed below that all federal high-cost support provided to the Company within Texas was used in the preceding calendar year (2014) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2016) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.³

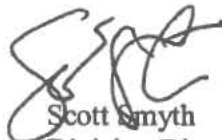
Grande filed its affidavit late and is hereby certified by the Texas PUC pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 as follows:

TEXAS CARRIER PROVIDING A LATE-FILED AFFIDAVIT IN 2015

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